CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM

The Untested Sexual Assault Evidence Grant Program (USAEG) administered by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) provides funding for city and county agencies to conduct audits of their untested sexual assault evidence kits. The grant is intended to assist city and county agencies comply with recently enacted Assembly Bill (AB) 3118. A total of \$1 million in grant funding is available statewide.

Interested agencies are encouraged to learn more about the USAEG Program, the eligibility criteria, and the Request for Applications (RFA) process. The grant application period opens November 7, 2018 and closes December 14, 2018.

Background

In September 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 3118, which amended Penal Code section 680.4 and requires every law enforcement agency, medical facility, crime laboratory, and other specified facilities, to conduct an audit of all untested sexual assault evidence kits in their possession and report to the DOJ no later than July 1, 2019.

There is no requirement to apply for the USAEG Program to comply with Penal Code 680.4; rather, the USAEG Program is intended to offset expenses associated with the workload from this mandate. An agency is still required to comply with the requirements in AB 3118 regardless of whether the agency is awarded USAEG Program funds.

Eligibility Criteria

City and county agencies in the State of California that retain untested sexual assault evidence kits are eligible to apply.

Grant Proposal

The DOJ will award grant funds to eligible city and county agencies that apply for funds through an RFA. The RFA will be released on November 7, 2018. This RFA is a non-competitive application process that will reimburse eligible agencies for some or all of the costs incurred during the inventory process.

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Eligible agencies must submit a complete application to the DOJ by Friday, December 14, 2018, at 5:00PM.

A complete application package shall include the following:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Letter of Intent
- Project Budget

To obtain a copy of the RFA, please visit https://oag.ca.gov/usaeg

Funding Details

A total of \$1 million in grant funding is available for the 2018 USAEG Program. It provides funds to city and county agencies for the compilation of information on the number of untested sexual assault kits statewide.

Grant funds are not designed to sustain a project, but are rather intended to supplement existing funds in order to help agencies comply with AB 3118.

Funds are available for 2018-19 with a grant period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2019.

It is important to note that funds may only be used to compile data on the inventory of untested sexual assault evidence kits that were obtained *prior* to October 1, 2018

All applications must be received by the DOJ by the deadline, no late applications will be considered. Questions concerning the application process may be directed to the DOJ at <u>USAEG@doj.ca.gov.</u>

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Baseline Award Formula

The Untested Sexual Assault Evidence Grant Program provides a total of \$1 million in grant funding statewide for eligible city and county agencies within the State of California.

Each county is eligible for a minimum of \$2,000 and a maximum allocation based on county population.¹ In the instance where multiple agencies within a county apply for funds and exceed the county's maximum allocation, each participating agency's award will be reduced uniformly.

Upon award notification, each awarded agency will have an opportunity to decline funds should an adjusted award prove to be unaccommodating.

The following table illustrates the minimum and maximum award amounts for each county.

| County | Minimum Award | Maximum Award |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Alameda | \$2,000 | \$ 38,865.86 |
| Alpine | \$2,000 | \$ 2,025.63 |
| Amador | \$2,000 | \$ 2,845.90 |
| Butte | \$2,000 | \$ 7,054.47 |
| Calaveras | \$2,000 | \$ 3,002.74 |
| Colusa | \$2,000 | \$ 2,490.70 |
| Contra Costa | \$2,000 | \$ 27,522.35 |
| Del Norte | \$2,000 | \$ 2,604.46 |
| El Dorado | \$2,000 | \$ 6,183.52 |
| Fresno | \$2,000 | \$ 24,366.17 |
| Glenn | \$2,000 | \$ 2,639.43 |
| Humboldt | \$2,000 | \$ 5,020.01 |
| Imperial | \$2,000 | \$ 6,232.93 |
| Inyo | \$2,000 | \$ 2,412.51 |
| Kern | \$2,000 | \$ 22,113.90 |
| Kings | \$2,000 | \$ 5,367.75 |
| Lake | \$2,000 | \$ 3,445.17 |
| Lassen | \$2,000 | \$ 2,686.40 |
| Los Angeles | \$2,000 | \$230,356.86 |

¹ County allocations were determined by using statistics from the California Department of Finance. *Report E-1, Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State –January 1, 2017 and 2018.* Retrieved from the Department of Finance website: http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Estimates/E-1/

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| County | Minimum Award | Maximum Award |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Madera | \$2,000 | \$ 5,528.34 |
| Marin | \$2,000 | \$ 7,859.76 |
| Mariposa | \$2,000 | \$ 2,402.57 |
| Mendocino | \$2,000 | \$ 3,982.94 |
| Merced | \$2,000 | \$ 8,217.07 |
| Modoc | \$2,000 | \$ 2,213.44 |
| Mono | \$2,000 | \$ 2,306.93 |
| Monterey | \$2,000 | \$ 11,843.34 |
| Napa | \$2,000 | \$ 5,137.52 |
| Nevada | \$2,000 | \$ 4,201.80 |
| Orange | \$2,000 | \$ 73,526.68 |
| Placer | \$2,000 | \$ 10,649.81 |
| Plumas | \$2,000 | \$ 2,439.07 |
| Riverside | \$2,000 | \$ 55,647.84 |
| Sacramento | \$2,000 | \$ 35,963.56 |
| San Benito | \$2,000 | \$ 3,267.68 |
| San Bernardino | \$2,000 | \$ 50,295.91 |
| San Diego | \$2,000 | \$ 76,110.37 |
| San Francisco | \$2,000 | \$ 21,628.97 |
| San Joaquin | \$2,000 | \$ 18,848.40 |
| San Luis Obispo | \$2,000 | \$ 8,219.82 |
| San Mateo | \$2,000 | \$ 19,190.61 |
| Santa Barbara | \$2,000 | \$ 12,069.31 |
| Santa Clara | \$2,000 | \$ 45,447.53 |
| Santa Cruz | \$2,000 | \$ 8,147.94 |
| Shasta | \$2,000 | \$ 5,958.62 |
| Sierra | \$2,000 | \$ 2,071.21 |
| Siskiyou | \$2,000 | \$ 2,990.64 |
| Solano | \$2,000 | \$ 11,765.89 |
| Sonoma | \$2,000 | \$ 13,176.81 |
| Stanislaus | \$2,000 | \$ 14,337.99 |
| Sutter | \$2,000 | \$ 4,159.23 |
| Tehama | \$2,000 | \$ 3,422.03 |
| Trinity | \$2,000 | \$ 2,302.77 |
| Tulare | \$2,000 | \$ 12,566.20 |
| Tuolumne | \$2,000 | \$ 3,215.54 |
| Ventura | \$2,000 | \$ 21,076.27 |
| Yolo | \$2,000 | \$ 6,913.44 |
| Yuba | \$2,000 | \$ 3,659.36 |